the gallon of water; this spray contains minor essential elements which benefit Hibiscus a great deal. The soil must be moist before the applying of the fertilizer and the foliage spray always in order to keep the osmotic equilibrum at it's peak in roots, leaves and stems.

Insecticide: For biting insects, sucking aphids, small beetles, grasshoppers, I have had efficient control by using a combination of Isotox 200 and DDT 25% emulsion, the concentration used by me is one teaspoonfull of Isotox 200 and two teaspoonfull of DDT 25% emulsion to a gallon of water. To control the brown scale which is the scale attacking my Hibiscus, I use Volck Oil spray at the rate of one teaspoonfull to the gallon of water. I spray my plants after sunset or very early in the morning.

Fungus Diseases: So far I have not noticed fungus diseases of any kind to the best of my knowledge and keen observations.

Pruning: I prune my Hibiscus plants in January and I have done my pruning in January for the last three years. The plants are pruned eight to ten inches above the grafts always leaving good healthy stems so that the new growth spring with vigor.

To my pruned plants as soon as the pruning is finished I apply a top dressing of sulphate of ammonia at the rate of one fourth pound per plant working it into the soil. Before applying the sulphate of ammonia I always moisten the soil. This practice of the application of the sulphate of ammonia after the pruning has given me excellent results.

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QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING.

The next Quarterly Board of Directors meeting will be held at the San Juan Hotel in Orlando, February 21st. The time is 10:00 a.m. Important decisions need to be made so please plan to attend.

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HIBISCUS SHOW - 1960 FLORIDA STATE FAIR.

A meeting was held from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. at Madison's Britton Plaza Drug Store on Wednesday, December 16, 1959, with Mrs. John M. Wylie, President of the Sunset Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society, and Dick Willis, Flower Show Superintendent. Mrs. Eloise Cousins, of the Fair's Publicity Dept, also sat in on the meeting.

Participation by the Hibiscus group falls into three main categories:

1. Decoration of the Flower Building with a profusion of Hibiscus blooms on Friday, February 5, immediately following the termination of the Orchid Show.
2. A one day individual competition on Saturday, February 6, which will be the first American Hibiscus Society Show.
   The official host will be the Sunset Chapter, membership of which resides in the Tampa and St. Petersburg area. Mrs. Wylie of 4213 Bay Vista, will act as Show Chairman.
3. The maintenance and operation of a 45 ft. Hibiscus exhibit for the 8 days of the Fair following the Orchid Show which will constitute the longest, continuous Hibiscus Show on record.
   Mrs. Wylie reported she is very optimistic about an abundance of blooms on hand for the Friday

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